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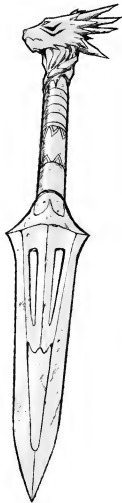
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Barurugo pursues his evil plan to invade the Kingdom of Heaven, and he's taking no prisoners! But the wise old man in the sky, the King of Heaven, may know a whole lot more than anyone is giving him credit for. Seems he has plans of his own—all of which feature our resident lovable rogue, Soma!







PREVIOUSLY IN

BLADE OF HEAVEN

AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN HEAVEN AND ACCUSED OF STEALING THE LEGENDARY BLADE OF HEAVEN, SOMA WAS FREED BY THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS ADOOME, BEFORE THEY COULD MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE, THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY GENERAL WINTER AND THE KING OF HEAVEN. THE KING ALLOWED SOMA TO RETURN TO EARTH IN ORDER TO SHOW HIS DAUGHTER AROUND THE MORTAL REALM. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHAPERONE. GEN. WINTER. ON EARTH THE

GROUP ENCOUNTERS THE DIMINUTIVE FAT NINJA, AS WELL AS THE IMPISH BABY DEMON. MEANWHILE, REALIZING THAT THE BLADE OF HEAVEN IS MISSING, THE DEMON BARBARIGO LAUNCHES HIS EVIL PLAN TO CONQUER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BUT THE MYSTERIOUS WARRIOR MAKUANG AND HIS UNLIKELY COMPANIONS - SOMA, WINTER AND ADOOME - WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH FIRST.



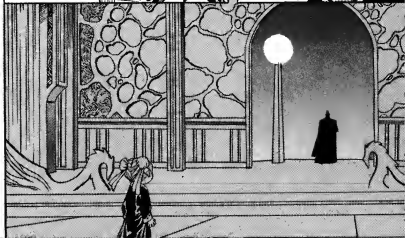
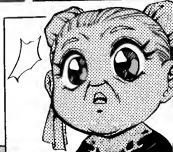




OH MY!
I MUST TELL THE KING
THE GOOD NEWS!



MY LORD!
GUESS WHAT
HAS HAP--





DOES... DOES HE
ALREADY KNOW?



YOUR
MAJESTY
...?



DO YOU SEE
THOSE STARS OVER
THERE, GRANNY? THAT'S
THE DEMON NEBULA. IT
REPRESENTS THE DEMON
REALM. THE DEMON
GOOGOO'S STAR HAS
BEEN EXTINGUISHED.

BUT...
THAT'S A
GOOD THING!
ISN'T IT...?



ONE MAN'S
FORTUNE
IS ANOTHER'S
MISFORTUNE.
LOOK OVER
THERE...



OH...!
THERE'S A RED
AURA SURROUNDING
THE PHOENIX NEBULA!

Editor: The Phoenix Nebula is the celestial representation of Heaven.



BUT... THAT'S
AN OMEN OF
DESTRUCTION!!

I'VE SEEN THIS
BEFORE... DURING
THE GREAT BATTLE
OF HEAVEN...



THE WAR ISN'T OVER...
THE EVENTS SET IN MOTION THEN
WERE MERELY A PRELUDE
TO A MORE DIABOLICAL PLOT!



SOON, A
MIGHTY WAVE OF
DESTRUCTION WILL
WASH OVER US!

SIRE!
EVEN IF IT
COSTS ME MY
LIFE, I VOW TO
PROTECT
HEAVEN!!

MY FATE
IS SEALED.

I WANT
YOU TO GO
DOWN TO THE
MORTAL REALM
AND DELIVER
THIS LETTER
TO SOMA.

BUT...BUT THAT'S
THE **BLADE OF HEAVEN**
JOURNAL! IT REVEALS
THE SECRETS OF THE
SWORD!!

YOUR MAJESTY...!
IT'S BAD ENOUGH WITH
THE SWORD MISSING,
BUT NOW YOU
WANT TO GIVE
ITS SECRETS TO
THAT...THAT
SCOUNDREL?!

SOMA WAS THE ONE
WHO TOOK THE
SWORD.

HE'S KNOWN WHERE
THE SWORD WAS
ALONG!!

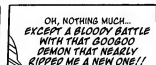
THE DEMONS
MANAGED TO PLANT THE
SAENGGAHWA FLOWER HERE.
ITS DEADLY FRAGRANCE
HAS SLOWLY BEEN
DEPLETING ALL OUR
POWERS.

OUR
ONLY HOPE
LIES WITH THE
ONE...

...WHO
MANAGED TO
SLIP PAST
THE DEMONS.



HEY, THERP!
YOUR POSTURE'S
WAY TOO BAD TO
STRIKE A HEROIC
POSE!



OH, NOTHING MUCH...
EXCEPT A BLOODY BATTLE
WITH THAT GOOGOO
DEMON THAT NEARLY
RIPPED ME A NEW ONE!!



WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT'S HAPPENED
HERE?

YAAAHN...
I HAD THE
WEIRDEST
DREAM--
HUH? WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



GOOGOO
WAS HERE?!

WHOO!
I FEEL
REFRESHED!

WELL HELLO,
SLEEPY HEAD.
FEEL BETTER
NOW?

MAN...HER
SKIN'S SO
SOFT...



WHAT? DID
I MISS
SOMETHING?



HA!! THAT'S A GOOD
ONE! AS IF A PIP-SQUEAK
LIKE YOU COULD
ACTUALLY DEFEAT A
RANK SEVEN DEMON
LIKE GOOGOO!!

PIP-
SQUEAK?!

YEAH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

When Mokumrang inhaled the Soengsohwo's poison to save his own life, he also saved General Winter and Fōi Ninjō by extracting the poison from them, as well. However, the poison had already placed them into a deep sleep, so they are unaware of what happened the rest of the night.



HMM...
I FEEL AS IF
I'VE FORGOTTEN
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT...

AND
WHY'RE MY
CLOTHES
DIFFERENT?

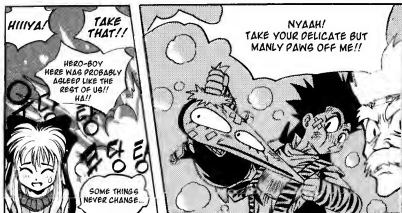
HEY!
TAKE YER
MITTS OFF
ME!

YOU'RE
ONLY TAKIN' IT
OUT ON ME 'CUSE
GRAMPAS CAN
KICK YOUR BUTT!!

WHA
HA HA!!
WHAT A
MAROON!!
THINGS HE
SAVED THE
DAY!!

YA GOT
SOME NERVE
POKING FUN,
SHORTY!

Has no recollection
of what she did.



HIIIIYA!

TAKE
THAT!!

HERO-BOY
HERE WAS PROBABLY
ASLEEP LIKE THE
REST OF US!!
HA!!

SOME THINGS
NEVER CHANGE...

NYAAH!
TAKE YOUR DELICATE BUT
MANLY PAWS OFF ME!!



IT'S BABY
DEMON!

HE FINALLY
CAME OUT OF
THE PRINCESS'
BODY!



YOU MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE
WORM!! YOU'RE GOING
TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU
PUT ME THROUGH!!

YEAH!
WHAT
HE
SAID!!



MOTHER...



HOLD IT!!



YES,
HE MAY BE
A VILE, EVIL
DEMON--BUT
THAT DOESN'T
GIVE US THE
RIGHT TO HIS
LIFE!



IT LOST THE RIGHT
TO BREATHE THE
MOMENT IT VIOLATED
YOUR SUPPLE, YET
PETITE BODY!!

PERACH
ON,
BROTHERS!



GENERAL WINTER!!
IF THAT'S HOW
YOU FEEL, THEN
I SUGGEST YOU
KILL ME FIRST!!





UM, TOOTS...?



SR...
I MEAN,
P-PRINCESS...?
I'M...GOREY.



HE'S RIGHT!
I'M A BAD,
BAD DEMON!

울먹 울먹



와앙!

I...I CAN'T HELP IT!!
WHENEVER I SEE SOMETHIN'
PRETTY, I WANNA PEEL OFF ITS
FLESH AND BATHE IN ITS BLOOD!!

.....



I RAN AWAY
FROM THE DEMON
REALM BECAUSE THEY
WERE ALL TEASING ME
AND CALLIN' ME UGLY!
SO I THOUGHT THAT
MAYBE THE MORTAL
REALM WOULD TREAT
ME BETTER--BUT
I WAS WRONG!!

THEY THREW
ROTTEN TOMATOES
AT ME! AND I HATE
TOMATOES!! SO I GOT
A LITTLE UPPIS...AND
TRANSFORMED THE
VILLAGERS INTO
HIDEOUS CREATURES...

SCARY THING IS,
HE REMINDS ME OF
SOMEONE ELSE
I KNOW...



IF ONLY...
IF ONLY A KIND
PERSON LIKE YOU
HAD BEEN THERE
FOR ME THEN...
BOO HOO!

DON'T CRY...
EVEN THE BEST
OF US MAKE
MISTAKES.

I DON'T
THINK YOU'RE
SO BAD.



IN FACT, IF YOU
WANT, YOU CAN
POSSESS MY DOLLY.
THAT WAY,
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE
BY MY SIDE!

FOR
REALS...?



WHAT?!
PRINCESS!! YOU
MUSTN'T--!!

HMPH. THAT
DEMON'S
BAD NEWS.

YEP.



BUT...
IF IT'LL
KEEP HER
TRAP SHUT,
THEN GO
BE IT.

I
CONCUR.



ARE
YOU PEOPLE
FINISHED
WASTING
TIME?



GOOGOO'S
STILL ALIVE.

WHAT?! YOU'RE CRAZY!
I HIT THAT BASTARD SO
HARD, I BROKE MY
LUCKY SWORD!

AND YOU
THINK SOME
SUPERFICIAL WOUND
CAN DESTROY A DEMON
OF HIS MAGNITUDE?
YOU TRULY ARE MORE
IGNORANT THAN
YOU LOOK.



HUH...SO THAT PUNK
REALLY DID GET IN A
FEW LICKS...



GOOGOO IS AN
ANDROGYNOUS
CREATURE. THEREFORE,
EVEN IF ONE SEX DIES,
THE OTHER CAN REVIVE
IT. UNTIL WE KILL BOTH
OF THEM...

...THERE'S
NO GUARANTEE
THAT IT WON'T
REVIVE ITSELF AND
ATTACK AGAIN.

HEY...
GOLDILOCKS.



DROP THE
BROODING
WARRIOR
ACT. WHY'RE
YOU REALLY
HELPING US?

I CAN'T
STAND BEING
INDEBTED TO
ANYONE. IF I OWE
SOMEONE A FAVOR,
I PAY IT BACK.
EVEN IF THEY ARE
OBNOXIOUS
BRASSARTS.



GUYS...
LET'S NOT
FIGHT...

HA!
I KNEW
HE'D LOOK AWAY
FIRST! ALL BOW
DOWN BEFORE MY
STARING CONTEST
PROWESS!!



AHH!

WHAT'S THIS...?

WATER
FALLING
FROM THE
SKY?!



OH,
THAT? IT'S
CALLED RAIN,
TOOTS!

Baby demon is
inside of him.

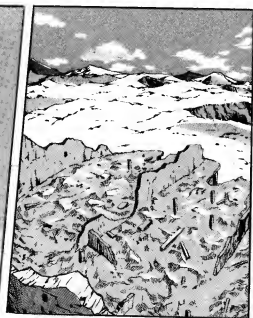
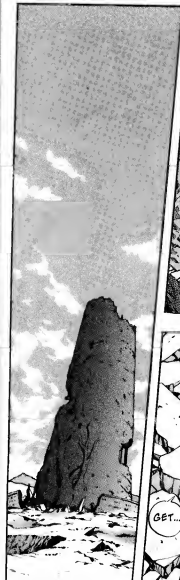


PRINCESS,
IF WHAT HE
SAYS IS TRUE,
I STRONGLY
RECOMMEND
A HASTY
RETREAT!

OH...
OKAY,
GENERAL.



RAIN...
NOW...



GET...



...OFF MY BACK!!

GUH...HUFF...W-WHERE IS THAT MEDDLESOME MORTAL?!
HUFF...A-HUH...MY DARK ENERGY WAS ONE SACRIFICE AWAY FROM COMPLETION BEFORE HE MEDDLED!!

I WILL NOT REST UNTIL I CLUTCH YOUR STILL-BEATING HEART WITHIN MY FIST!!

BUT THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE... GA-HUH...WAS MURDERING MY BROTHER!!

I SEE YOUR FLAIR FOR THEATRICALS REMAINING UNSCATHED, MY BROTHER.

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LORD BARURUGO!

I THINK THAT'S WHAT I'LL MISS ABOUT YOU MOST OF ALL.

WHAT...? I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

DARKLING!

WHAT...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

YOUR LIFE WE NEED IN ORDER TO SUCCEED.



YOU ARE
THE GREATEST
OBSTACLE BETWEEN
ME AND KING
MACHUNROO'S
THRONE.



AND EVEN THOUGH
I WIELD THE AX, IT
IS YOUR OWN
AMBITIONS THAT
HAVE SKUNG
THE BLADE!!



JUST HOW
FAR IS THIS
SO-CALLED
"SAFE"
PLACE,
ANYWAY?!

YOU
WANT ME TO
HAVE A HEART
ATTACK.
DON'T YA,
PUNK?!



YES... IS IT
MUCH
FURTHER?



SOMAP?
WHAT'S
WRONG...?



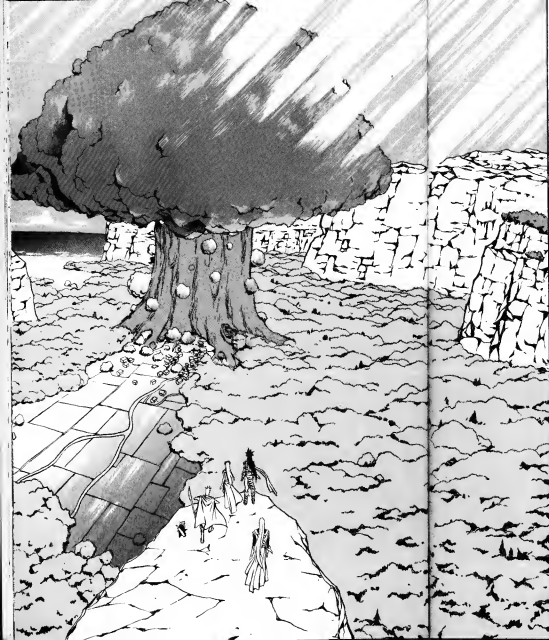
WE'RE
HERE.



DEMONIC
ABSORPTION
TECHNIQUE!!



IT'S RIGHT
OVER THERE.





BARURUSO!
I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN...!



HEH HEH!
THEY WON'T RETALIATE IF
THEY DON'T KNOW! YOUR
DEATH WILL BE OUR LITTLE
SECRET!



ONCE YOU'RE GONE,
THE OTHERS WILL JOIN ME
BY DEFAULT!



THEN WE'LL FINISH WHAT
WE STARTED YEARS AGO!
HEAVEN WILL BE IN RUIN
AND THE MACHUNROO WILL
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT
TO BEQUEATH HIS
THRONE TO ME!!





YOU...DECEITFUL...
BASTARD...



AS A REIGNING
LORD OF EVIL, I'LL
TAKE THAT AS A
COMPLIMENT. BUT
FEAR NOT, BROTHER...
THOUGH YOUR
PHYSICAL BODY DIES,
YOUR DEMON POWERS
WILL LIVE ON--
IN ME!



THAT MANIAC...!
IT WAS A MISTAKE
FOR MACHUNROO TO
UNDERESTIMATE HIM!



RAAARRGH!!



WHAT?! IT CAN'T BE--!!
HE'S USING THE
FIRE DEMON'S FORM?!



Fire Demon:
A powerful form
that every demon
hopes to achieve.
A demon has to be
one level under it
to gain this power.
It makes the
passer's flesh
impervious to
weapons, as well
as maxing out his
demon powers.

THAT FELT GOOD.
NOW, FINALLY, I CAN GET
MY PLAN IN MOTION. I WILL RALLY
THE REMAINING SIX DEMONS AND
LAUNCH MY ATTACK ON HEAVEN
TONIGHT! SOON, ALL THREE
REALMS WILL COWER
BEFORE ME!!

WITH YOUR
INTERLUDE
WHILE YOU
WALK AWAY
WITH

NO! I CANNOT ALLOW THIS! I MUST FIND THE
YOUNG MASTER AND TAKE HIM TO MACHUNROO!!

YOUNG MASTER...WHERE HAVE
YOU GONE?!

SHOW'S
OVER, DOKGOOMA.
IT'S TIME FOR A
LITTLE AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION.



YOU STINK OF FEAR,
DOKGODMA. EVEN A RANK
ONE DEMON COULD SMELL IT.
YOU'D THINK THE CAPTAIN OF
THE MACHUNDO'S TRACKERS
WOULD BE A BIT MORE—
STEALTHY.



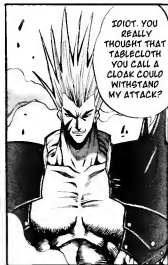
YOUR REPUTATION
PROCEDES YOU—
WHICH MAKES IT
ALL THE MORE FUN
TO BLEED YOU!!



TRACKING
ENVOYE THE
COWARD
REPLAY!!







I WILL GUT
ANYONE
WHO STANDS
IN MY WAY!!



WE,
THE KING'S
TRACKERS,
FEAR NOT
DEATH!!

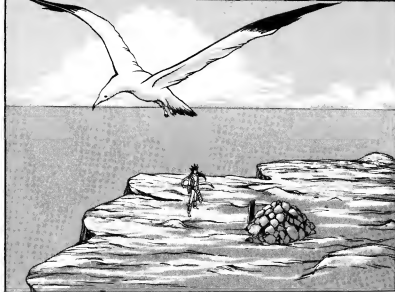
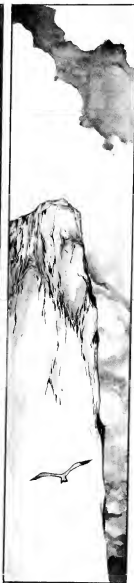


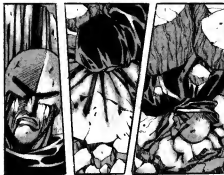
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I KNOW SOMA
VERY WELL. IN
FACT, I DOUBT
THERE'S A GOUL
ALIVE THAT
KNOWS HIM
BETTER.

FOR YOU SEE...
SOMA GREW
UP IN THIS
VERY HOUSE.

IT WAS BUILT
SPECIFICALLY FOR
HIS FAMILY IN EXCHANGE
FOR PROTECTING THE
VILLAGE FROM DEMONS.

SOMA'S FATHER
WAS A MIGHTY
WARRIOR, YOU
SEE.

NEVER IN MY
LIFE HAD I
ENCOUNTERED
A GREATER
SWORDSMAN...
EVEN THOUGH
HE'S BEEN GONE
FOR QUITE SOME
TIME NOW, HIS
HEROIC DEEDS
STILL ECHO
IN MY MIND LIKE
THUNDER.

OH...

SOMA'S
FATHER
IS...DEAD?



MMM. VERY
BEAUTIFUL. I'VE NEVER
MET ANYONE PRETTIER
THAN SOMA'S
MOTHER..

HE'S IN
TANGENT-
LAND
AGAIN.

YA
ASK HIM
FOR SOAP,
HE GIVES
YA MUD!



SHE HAD BEAUTIFUL
EYES, A FINE, DISTINCT
NOSE, A SWEET SMILE AND A
GENEROUS HEART. SHE WAS
ABSOLUTELY PERFECT...
IT'S A SHAME THE GOOD
ONES DIE SO YOUNG...



OH NO!
HIS
MOTHER'S
DEAD,
TOO?!



MY
GOODNESS...
HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THAT THOSE
CLOTHES
YOU'RE WEAR-
ING BELONGED
TO SOMA'S
MOTHER?



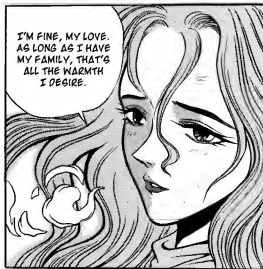
CAPTAIN
SENILE
STRIDES
AGAIN.

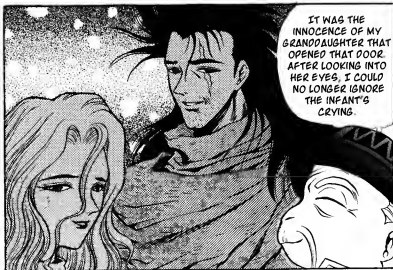


THEY
DID?

OH,
YEA!
I LOVE
FIGHT!
ANY OTHER
QUESTIONS?

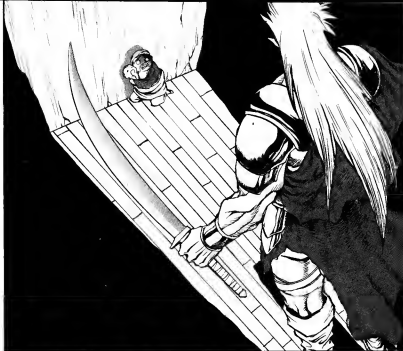






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HE WAS
LIKE A GOD.

BY SUNRISE THE NEXT DAY, EVERY
VILLAGER KNEW OF HIS FATHER'S
HEROIC DEEDS. SO LONGING
WERE WE TO FEEL SAFE, WE
UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO
BUILD A HOME FOR HIS FAMILY...

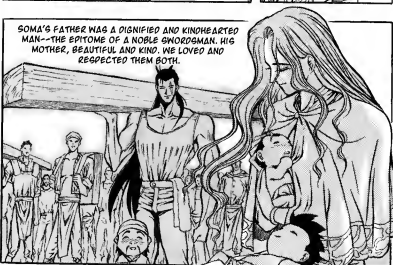
...WHICH IS THE
VERY HOME YOU
SIT IN TODAY.



SO THAT WAS HOW SOMA'S FAMILY BECAME
THE GUARDIANS OF THIS VILLAGE.



SOMA'S FATHER WAS A DIGNIFIED AND KINDHEARTED
MAN--THE EPITOME OF A NOBLE SWORDSMAN. HIS
MOTHER, BEAUTIFUL AND KIND, WE LOVED AND
RESPECTED THEM BOTH.

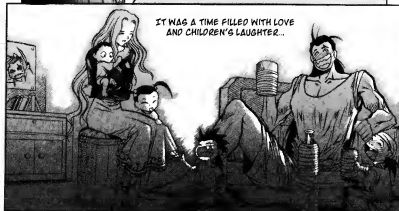




THEY EVEN BECAME SURROGATE PARENTS TO MY OWN GRANDCHILDREN, WHO HAD LOST THEIR BIRTH PARENTS LONG AGO.



THOSE CERTAINLY WERE WONDERFUL TIMES...



IT WAS A TIME FILLED WITH LOVE AND CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER...



BUT, ALAS, EVEN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROSE IS DESTINED TO WITHER AND DIE.



ONE MORNING WE AWOKED... AND HE WAS GONE.

HE DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD TO ANYONE--NOT EVEN TO HIS AILING WIFE AND YOUNG SON. THE VILLAGE'S TRUST WAS SHATTERED.



THAT WAS WHEN SOMA BEGAN TO CHANGE. HE STOPPED ALL HIS FUSSING AND CRYING.



SOMA? A CRYBABY...?

BIG SURPRISE THERE.



SOON AFTER HIS FATHER LEFT, SOMA'S MOTHER, WHO NEVER HAD A STRONG CONSTITUTION, GOT PROGRESSIVELY SICKER, UNTIL SHE FINALLY PASSED AWAY. SOMA WAS THEN WITHOUT A FATHER OR MOTHER.

I HATE SAD STORIES... EVEN IF IT IS ABOUT NO-GOOD PUNKS!

Cries at Weddings

AFTER HE LOST HIS PARENTS, SOMA BECAME AN OUTCAST. HE WREACKED HAVOC AROUND THE VILLAGE.

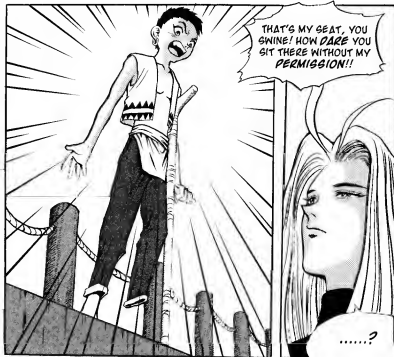
SO THAT'S WHY THE VILLAGERS HID WHEN WE ARRIVED...!

THAT'S WHEN PEOPLE BEGAN CALLING HIM SOMA. HIS REAL NAME IS SOA, YOU SEE.

HE WOULD DISAPPEAR FOR DAYS AT A TIME, ONLY TO RETURN BLOODED AND BOUNCED. FINALLY, ONE DAY, HE LEFT AND NEVER CAME BACK.

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WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE?!



THAT'S MY SEAT, YOU SWINE! HOW DARE YOU SIT THERE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!

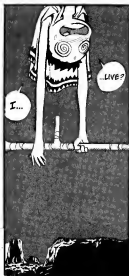
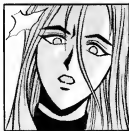
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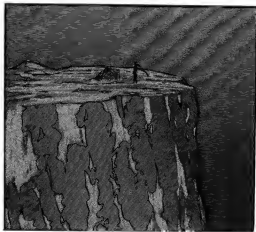


DON'T SHINE YER PEEPERS AT ME! WHAT?! YOU WANNA FIGHT OR SOMETHIN'?! HUH?!



FREAKIN' JERK! I'LL SHOW HIM!



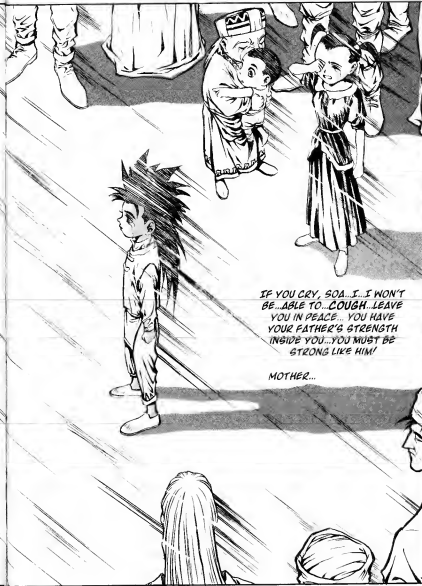


I HATE FATHER
YOU'RE SICK
AND HE LEFT
US ALONE!!

COUGH! YOU MUSTN'T
HATE YOUR FATHER...
YOUR FATHER IS AN
EXCEPTIONAL MAN...
I KNOW IN MY HEART
THERE IS A REASON
HE LEFT US...
COUGH! COUGH!



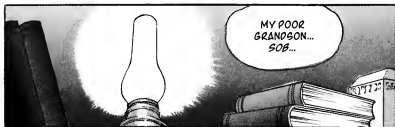
YOU! YOU
MUSTN'T CRY,
SOAK A MAN...
ONLY HAS A
CERTAIN AMOUNT
OF TEARS, SO
YOU MUST GRIEVE
THEM NICELY...



IF YOU CRY, SOA... I WON'T
BE ABLE TO... COUGH... LEAVE
YOU IN PEACE... YOU HAVE
YOUR FATHER'S STRENGTH
INSIDE YOU... YOU MUST BE
STRONG LIKE HIM!

MOTHER...

MOTHER!!



MY POOR
GRANDSON...
SOB...



HE NEVER
KNEW HIS PARENTS...
HIS ONLY SISTER LEFT
SOON AFTER SOME
DISAPPEARED... ALL SHE
LEFT WAS A NOTE SAYING
SHE WAS GOING TO
BECOME A GREAT
SWORDSMAN. BUT SINCE
THEN, HE HADN'T HAD A
GOUL TO RELY ON...
SOB...



PLEASE, HE
MERELY FAINED.
SUCH DRAMATICS
ARE A NEEDLESS
INDULGENCE.



WHY YOU--!
HAVE YOU NO
HEART?!

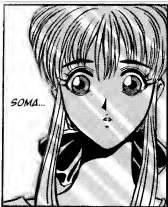
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APPEARS
NOT!



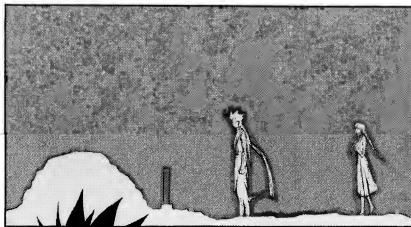
HMPH.

DON'T MIND
HIM, GRAMP... HE'S
A GOUBRUS ALL THE
TIME! PROBABLY HE'S
LOST HIS HAIRBRUSH OR
SOMETHIN'...

SOME
PEOPLE ARE SO
INGENSITIVE... BY THE
BY... HIS GIG A HOT
PIECE OR
WHAT?



SOMA...



SOMA!



I...I'M
GOING TO BE
STRONG...



I...
I
PROMISED
HER
I WOULD.

FOR HER...I'M
GOING TO BECOME
THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
SWORDSMAN!



KING PACHUN...
EVERYTHING
IS HAPPENING
JUST AS YOU
FORESAW.
I DON'T KNOW
WHETHER TO BE
HAPPY ABOUT IT...
OR FEAR THE
COMING DAWN...

I FEEL GO
ASHAMED...
IN MY
MIND'S EYE,
I CAN
STILL
SEE YOU
SHATTERING
HEAVEN
AND EARTH
WITH YOUR
SWORD...



...BUT THE
ONLY THING
I CAN DO IS
PASS ON THE
BURDEN OF
DESTINY
TO THE
NEXT
GENERATION!



MY KING...I IMPORE
YOU...GIVE ME STRENGTH!
BETTER YET, GIVE
THEM STRENGTH...!



YOUR MAJESTY!
WE MUST ASK YOU
TO TAKE YOUR LEAVE
AT ONCE!!

BARURUGO AND MANCHUNROO'S
DISCIPLES HAVE
INFILTRATED
HEAVEN!



OUR
ARMIES
HAVE
MYSTERI-
OUSLY
LOST
THEIR
POWERS!!
THEY'VE
BEEN
COMPLETELY
OVERWHELMED!!



IT APPEARS
WE HAVE A
TRAITOR IN
OUR MIDST!
HOW ELSE
COULD THEIR
ARMIES BREACH
OUR WALLS SO
EASILY?!



THIS
CHARADE...
...IS NO LONGER
NECESSARY.



HA HA HA!
YOU ARE
MOST PERCEPTIVE,
KING! FIFTY IT'S TOO
LITTLE TOO
LATE.



BARURUGO!





IT'S WARM...

THIS SMELL I HAD
FORGOTTEN...

THIS IS MY MOTHER'S
SMELL...! NO! IT CAN'T
BE! MY MOTHER'S
DEAD!

SO THEN...
WHOSE
FRAGRANCE
IS THIS...?

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HUH?

IS
THAT...?

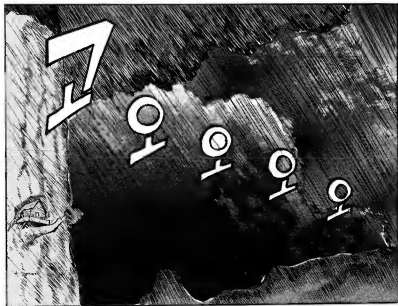
WATCH THE
BRAIN PAN,
PRIN--

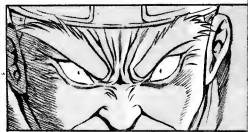
WAIT...THIS
ISN'T RAIN!

IT'S BLOOD!!

OUCH.

WAHOO!
IT'S
RAINING!
WHATTA
FEELING!!







FATHER...?



FIENDS!!
YOU MAY HAVE
COME TO SEIZE
HEAVEN, BUT
IT IS HEAVEN
THAT HAS
CAPTURED
YOU!!



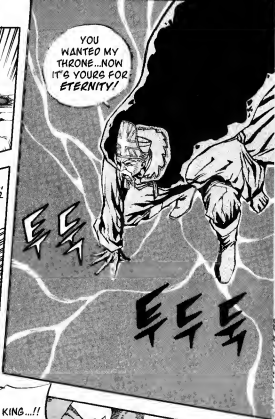
YOU HAVE
SUCCEEDED
NOT IN
DESTROYING
HEAVEN--
BUT YOUR-
SELVES!!



WHILE HEAVEN AND I SLUMBER,
ITS HOLY WALLS WILL BE YOUR
PRISON!!



YOU
WANTED MY
THRONE...NOW
IT'S YOURS FOR
ETERNITY!



THE KING....!!
HE'S
TURNING INTO
STONE!!



NOT
JUST HIM--
EVERYTHING!!

NOT
SO FAST.
OLD MAN!
I'LL CLEAVE
YOU IN TWO
BEFORE YOU
IMPRISON
ME!



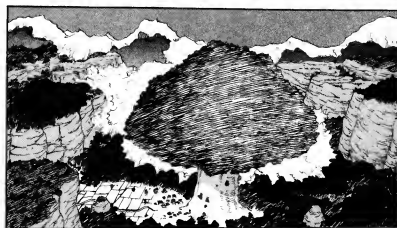
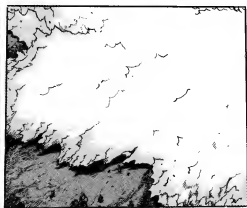
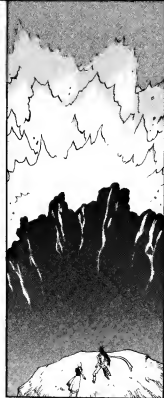
IT'S...I CAN'T...



I...
CAN'T...
LET...
GO..!

WHAT'S THIS...?
MY BODY...IT'S...
STIFFENING...!







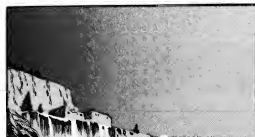
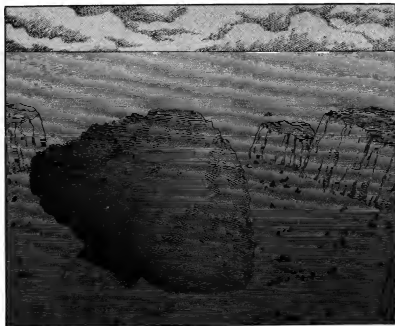
SWEET MONKEY CHOW!! IT'S
LIKE THE SKY AND EARTH'RE
PLAYIN' TUG OF WAR!!

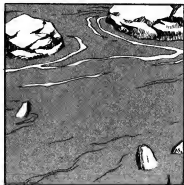


* Even in a situation like this, he
still can't stop talking.









BH BLADE OF HEAVEN





THE KING HIMSELF
HAS BECOME THE
GATE'S SEAL.



OUR
ATTACK HAS
SUCCEEDED
ONLY IN
STRENGTHENING
HEAVEN'S
DEFENSES.



IN OTHER
WORDS,
BROTHERS...
WE ARE
TRAPPED.



ENOUGH
ALREADY
WITH THE
DOOMSDAY
RHETORIC!
THIS PUNY
SEAL IS NO
MATCH FOR
MY POWERS!!

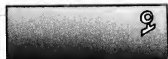
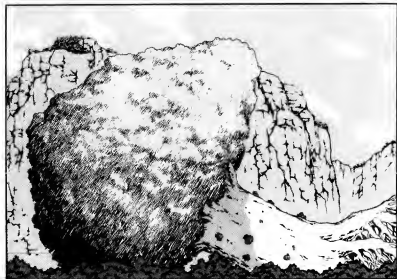
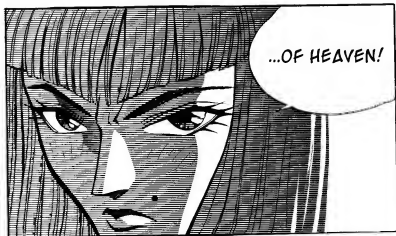
YOU'RE MORE
THAN WELCOME
TO TRY. HOWEVER,
THE MORE YOU
RESIST, THE
STRONGER THE
SEAL WILL
BECOME.



THERE'S
ONLY ONE
PERSON WHO
CAN OPEN
THE GATES...

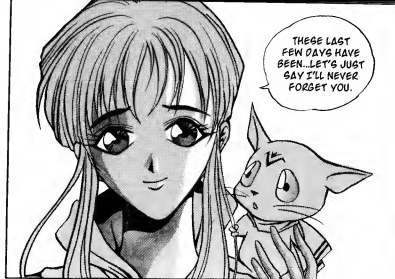


THE
PRINCESS...





YOU
GUYS,
I...I JUST
WANTED TO
THANK YOU.



THESE LAST
FEW DAYS HAVE
BEEN...LET'S JUST
SAY I'LL NEVER
FORGET YOU.



THE
WISDOM...

BH?
SPEAK
UP.



...THE
FART
JOKES...

시무룩
.....



...AND...
THE
BRAVERY...

GO,
ALREADY!
SEE IF I
CARE...



COME
NOW, YOUR
HIGHNESS!
WE MUSTN'T
DALLY!!

OKAY! I'LL
BE RIGHT
THERE!



DO...DO YOU REALLY
HAVE TO GO...?



OH OH



I...CAN'T...



HEY, SONNY-
JIM...
WHERE'S
SHE GOIN'?

HEY, EW
POCK' YA
HEHE...



DON'T BE
SAD, FAT
NINJA!

OH OH



HERE...
TAKE
THIS...



IT'S THE ONLY
THING MY
MOTHER LEFT
ME WHEN I
WAS A CHILD. I
WANT YOU TO
HAVE IT.



Tears of joy.

IT'S SUCH A
PAMNABLE--
ER, BEAUTIFUL
GIFT!



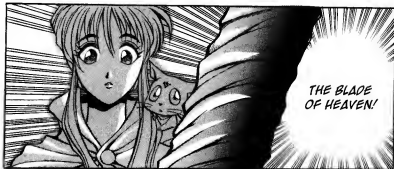
KNOCK IT
OFF, YOU!!
I CAN'T
STAND TA SEE
A GROWN MAN
Bawl, EVEN IF
HE IS A TUBBY
PANGY!!



YOU CAN
ACT TOUGH
ALL YOU
WANT...I
KNOW IN
YOUR HEART
YOU'RE A
KIND
PERSON!



PFFT!
WHATEVER! JUST
GO, WILL YA?
AND...AND TAKE
THIS...



THE BLADE
OF HEAVEN!



DON'T MAKE A BIG
DEAL OF IT, ALL
RIGHT?! IT'S NOT
LIKE IT'S MINE TO
GIVE, ANYWAY.



'SIDES, THE CRUMMY
THING'S JUST WEIGHIN'
ME DOWN!



SILLY.



YOU'RE WRONG. IT IS
YOURS...NOW. I WANT
YOU TO HAVE IT.



WE WEREN'T
TOGETHER LONG...
BUT I STILL HAD A
GREAT TIME.



PRINCESS...
I CAN'T.



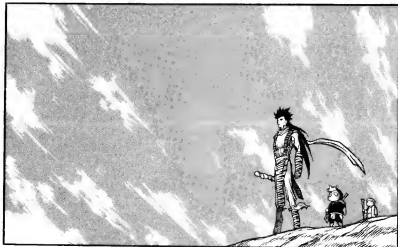
PLEASE
DON'T CALL ME
THAT.

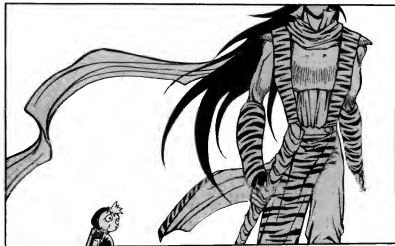


MY REAL NAME
IS AROOME
RAMAN.
WHEN WE MEET
AGAIN...



SOMA!
YOU HAVE KEPT
YOUR PROMISE! YOU
ALREADY ARE THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
SWORDSMAN!!





DON'T GIMME THAT FORTUNE COOKIE BUNK!! AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER, HOW CAN YOU BE THIS WAY?!

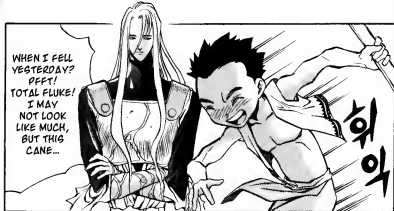




BLADE OF HEAVEN

UNTIL WE
MEET AGAIN...
AROOMEE.









WHAT...THIS?
IT'S JUST RAINING
BECAUSE SOME DUST
GOT IN THERE,
THAT'S ALL!

RAIN?



YOU KNOW, LIKE
WHEN WATER FALLS
FROM THE SKY? YEP...
THAT'S ALL IT IS!

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UM, THE GATE'S
THIS WAY, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

아아아



WE ARE
FORTUNATE THIS
PARTICULAR GATE TO
HEAVEN HAS NOT BEEN
SEALED QUICKLY--
RECITE THE
INCANTATION!



RIGHT!

BABY,
YOU BEST
STAND BEHIND
ME FOR THIS.

OKAY!



HERE WE
GO...!

SPIRIT THAT LIES
DORMANT, RAISE
SAEDOS,
I BEGEECH YOU--
LIFT THE WALL!!



OPEN THE
DOORWAY
TO THE VOID
BEYOND!!



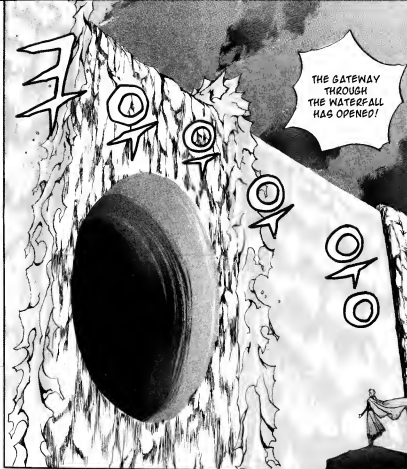
GOOD GRABY!!
THE WATERFALL---!!
IT'S PARTING!!



LOOK!! OVER
THERE!!



PRINCESS...

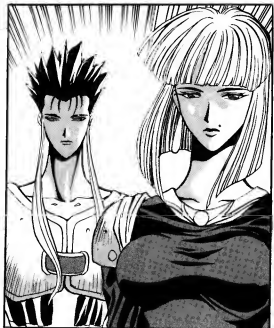


THE GATEWAY
THROUGH
THE WATERFALL
HAS OPENED!



HEY, LOOKY...
SOMEONE'S
COMING OUT...





WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IS THE KING ALL
RIGHT?!



I-DON'T MIND
ME, O-DEMON
MARLORD GUYS...
NOTHING TO
GEE HERE BUT
AN INNOCENT,
NON-DEMON-
POSSESSED
DOLL...



BASTARDS!
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE WITH THE
KING?!





LET'S
JUST SAY HE
GIVES THE TERM
"STIFF UPPER LIP"
AN ENTIRELY NEW
MEANING.



N-NO...!
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?!



NOW,
BEFORE I KILL
YOU BOTH,
ALLOW ME TO
FIRST THANK YOU,
PRINCESS. YOUR
SPELL WAS MOST
LIBERATING.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!!
SHE SUCKERED
ME!!

THIS
CRUMMY
THING
COULDN'T
CUT THE
CHEESE!



I MEAN,
THIS GLORIFIED
GARDEN SPADE
IS THE BLADE OF
HEAVEN?! IT'S
ONLY HALF THE
SIZE OF A REGULAR
SWORD!! NOT TO
MENTION IT'S
RUSTED ALL OVER!

"I WANT
YOU TO
HAVE, IT SOMA."
NO WONDER,
HONEY! "YEAH,
LET'S GIVE THE
CRAPTACULAR
LOGERSWORD
TO SOMA! WON'T
THAT BE FUNNY?!"
TEE HEE!"

RARGH!
TO HELL
WITH HER!

벨리딩



I WONDER
IF SHE'S LOOKING
DOWN ON ME NOW?



MY REAL NAME IS
AROOMEE RAMAN.
WHEN WE MEET AGAIN...
CALL ME THAT!



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WHAT'S
THE HUB-
BUB?!

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SOMA!!

SOMETHING TERRIBLE
HAS HAPPENED! THE
PRINCESS...!! SHE...
SHE WAS CAPTURED
BY THOSE VILLAINOUS
DEMONS!!



BUT
NEVER FEAR!
I'M ALL RIGHT! I
PLAYED INANIMATE
AND THE CHUMPS
WALKED RIGHT
BY ME!

WELL!
DON'T JUST
SIT THERE, YA BIG
APE! IF WE DON'T
HURRY, PRINCESS
MIGHT BE...
BE--WAAAH!

QUIT YER
BELLY-ACHIN',
TOY-BOY!!

AND STOP RUSHIN'
ME!! I'VE GOTTA
FIND MY WEAPON,
FIRST!!

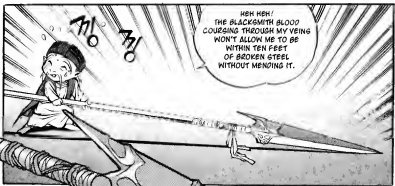


WHEN WE
MEET AGAIN...

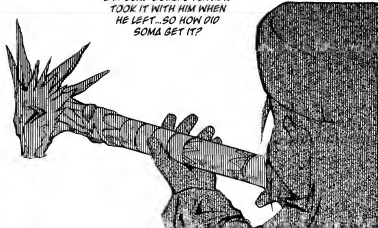
WHEN WE MEET...

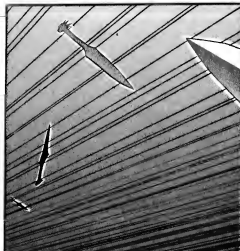
AROOME...

FREAKIN' TROUBLE-
SOME BROAD...ALWAYS
STICKIN' HER HAND IN
THE CAMPFIRE!!



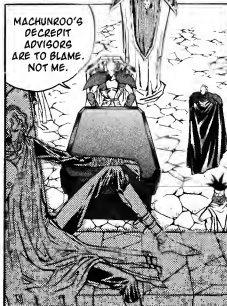
I'M SURE SOMA'S FATHER TOOK IT WITH HIM WHEN HE LEFT... SO HOW DID SOMA GET IT?







HERE WE ARE,
RISKING OUR LIVES
TO ATTACK HEAVEN--
AND FOR WHAT?! I
SEE NO REWARD ON
THE HORIZON!



MACHUNROO'S
DECREPIT
ADVISORS
ARE TO BLAME.
NOT ME.

ALL THE MORE
REASON TO
STRIKE WHILE
THE WOUND
IS Gaping!

A level ten demon,
he is the fifth
disciple of King
Machunroo.



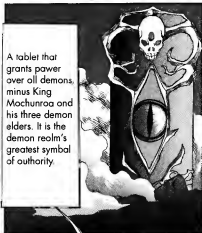
SO, HWANG...
I ASSUME THIS
NEWLY FOUND BRAVADO
IS A DIRECT RESULT OF
YOU FORGETTING
MACHUNROO'S
POWER?



TRUE, THEY ARE OLD, BUT
FAR FROM WEAK!! THEY ARE
STILL A FORCE TO BE RECKONED
WITH!!



CHUN-MA-RYOUNG!



A tablet that
grants power
over all demons,
minus King
Machunroo and
his three demon
elders. It is the
demon realm's
greatest symbol
of authority.



BESIDES, IF I RECALL
CORRECTLY, I TWISTED
NO ONE'S ARM TO GO ON
THIS VENTURE! YOU ALL
WILLINGLY FOLLOWED
MY LEAD WHEN WE
STORMED HEAVEN'S
WALLS! BUT WE FAILED!
WE ACHIEVED NONE OF
OUR GOALS!

NOT ONLY
IS THE BLADE STILL
OUT OF OUR REACH,
HEAVEN IS STILL
STANDING! SO DON'T
YOU DARE ASK TO
BE REWARDED FOR
YOUR
INCOMPETENCE!!

NOW, IF WE'RE
DONE HERE...
GET OUT OF MY
SIGHT!!



HEH HEH!
GOOD SHOW,
BROTHER! I SEE
YOU CONVENIENTLY
FAILED TO
MENTION...



YOU USED
US TO POSITION
YOURSELF TO
OBTAIN THE
CHUN-MA-RYOUNG
FROM KING
MACHUNROO. THE
ONLY REWARD-
SEEKER HERE
IS YOU.

...THAT DISCIPLE
NUMBER THREE
WAS TURNED INTO
MODERN SET UP
THESE OR HOW
YOU ARE NOW THE
PEOPLE OWNERS
OF HIS GUARDIAN
DEMON SPIRIT.



A level nine
demon, he is the
fourth disciple
of King
Machunroo.

JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR...
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT
YOU ARE GOING TO DISOBEY
MY ORDERS AND ATTEMPT TO
TAKE THE CHUN-MA-RYOUNG?



NOW, THAT WOULD HURT
MY FEELINGS...IF I HAD ANY.
CHUN-MA-RYOUNG REP-
RESENTS MACHUNROO'S
AUTHORITY. STEALING IT
WOULD BE LIKE REBELLING
AGAINST MACHUNROO.
I WOULDN'T DREAM OF
DOING THAT.



HOWEVER,
THE PRINCESS
OF HEAVEN KNOWS
THE BLADE'S
LOCATION. AS LONG
AS SHE'S IN YOUR
POSSESSION...



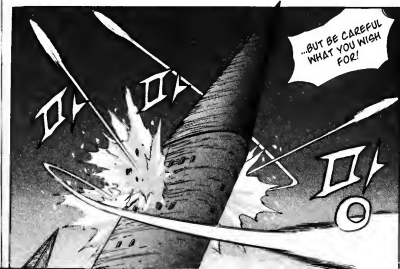
...I'LL
BE
WATCH-
ING!



YOU MAY
WIELD POWER
OVER US,
BARURUGO...



...BUT BE CAREFUL
WHAT YOU WISH
FOR!





I CARE NOTHING FOR
WIGGES! THEY ARE MERELY
DAYDREAMS OF THE WEAK!
IT IS MY DESTINY TO BRING
ALL THE REALMS TO THEIR
COLLECTIVE KNEES!



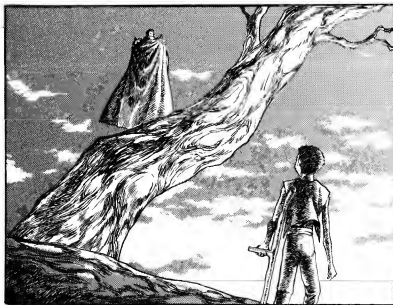
HUFF... HUFF...
I'VE EXHAUSTED
EVERY EVASIVE
TRICK... HUFF...
AND TECHNIQUE...
HUFF... IN MY
REPERTOIRE...
BUT STILL HE
FOLLOWING!

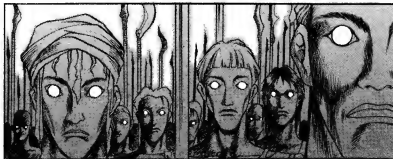


BUT...I MUSTN'T
GIVE UP! I MUST
FIND AND ESCORT
THE YOUNG MASTER
BACK TO KING
MACHUNROO!



HEY!!
JUST WHAT DO YA
THINK YER DOIN'?!
THAT'S MY LOOKOUT
SPOT FOR SISTER!!





I--IT'S NOT HIS FAULT--!! IF YOU WANT TO POINT FINGERS, THEN POINT THEM AT ME!!



SHE'S... PREGNANT?!

THE SAENGGAHWA POISONED US, AS WELL! AUTUMN WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT HIS FATE, BUT AS FOR ME...MY THOUGHTS WERE ONLY OF OUR UNBORN CHILD... SOB...



ENOUGH.



I'M...I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS, PRINCESS. BUT...WE HAD NO CHOICE...

NOW... WHERE IS THE BLADE?



TREACHEROUS VERMIN!! IT WASN'T ENOUGH THAT YOU BETRAYED US ALL JUST TO GIVE YOU OWN CONARDLY NECK, BUT NOW YOU WANT TO GIVE THESE FOUL CREATURES THE BLADE AS WELL?!



IT'S TRUE... I DO KNOW...

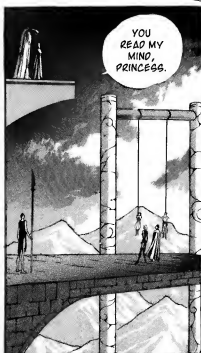


...WHO...HAS THE BLADE...



AND I... UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DID THIS...







I'VE FAILED
YOU, MY KING...



SOMA...



OKAY! HERE'S
THE PLAN! WHILE YOU
CREATE A DIVERSION,
I'LL GO IN AND DEFEAT
THEIR BOSS AND SAVE
THE PRINCESS!

THE
DRUMS...
THEY'VE
STOPPED!



SAY
WHAT?

WE'RE
TOO LATE!!



SOMA...?

WAIT!!



NO TIME,
TOY-BOY!! THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
SWORDSMAN ONLY
KNOWS ONE WAY--
AND THAT'S STRAIGHT
THROUGH THE FRONT
DOOR!



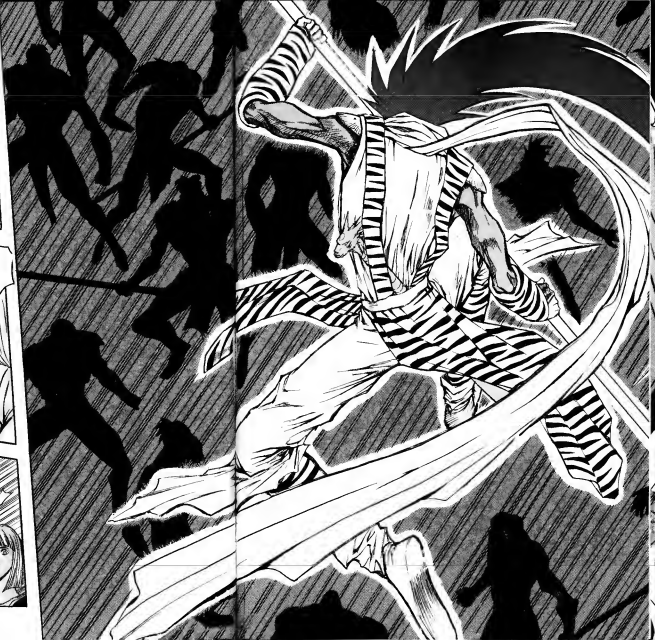
**KNOCK, KNOCK,
SCUMBAGS!!
DADDY'S HOME!!**

BLADE OF HEAVEN

A picture of the
author as Somo.

WOO! HE'S SO AWESOME! ♥







THOUSAND-YEAR TREE
VILLAGE...IT'S NOT FAR
NOW...HOW LONG HAS
IT BEEN? ABOUT EIGHT
YEARS, AT LEAST...

I WONDER HOW EVERYONE'S
DOING? I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
GRANDFATHER AND CHAEGA'S
FACES WHEN I COME
WALKING UP!



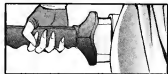
WAIT--!!
WHAT'S THIS?!!
I SENSE A DARK
PRESENCE!

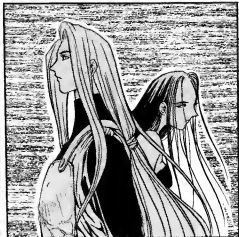


IT FEELS LIKE I'VE
BEEN STABBED BY
A SHARD OF ICE!



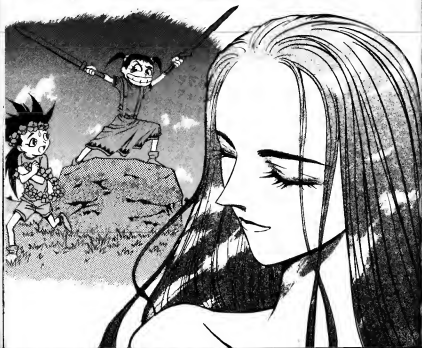
WHATEVER IT IS...
IT'S NOT OF
THIS WORLD!!





COULD
IT HAVE
BEEN MY
IMAGINATION
...?









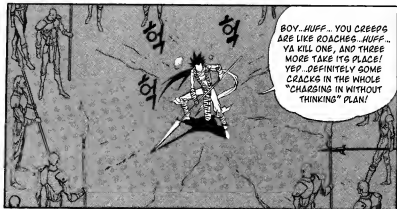
WHOO-YEAH!
YOU FREAKS
ARE WAY SPUNK-
IER THAN THOSE
DAMNED RYOOKLO
KOTAS!



LORE BARURUGO,
AS A SHOW OF
LOYALTY, I WILL
GIVE THAT BOY
TO YOU AS MY
FIRST OFFERING.



PATIENCE,
ECHO. YOUR TIME
WILL COME SOON
ENOUGH. FOR NOW,
LET US ENJOY
THE SHOW.



BOY..HUFF.. YOU CREEPS
ARE LIKE ROACHES..HUFF..
YA KILL ONE, AND THREE
MORE TAKE ITS PLACE!
YEP..DEFINITELY SOME
CRACKS IN THE WHOLE
"CHARGING IN WITHOUT
THINKING" PLAN!



JUST LOOK AT THEIR EYES... THERE'S NOTHING IN
THEIR BUT THE DESIRE TO KILL ME!



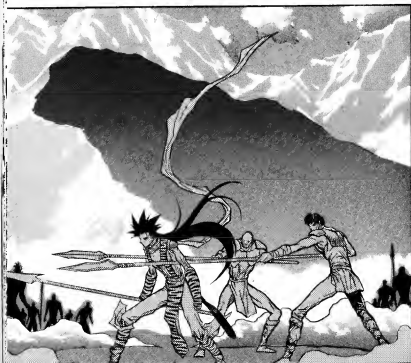
THEY'RE BEING
MANIPULATED
BY BARURUGO'S
MIND CONTROL
MAGIC, BOY!
THEY'RE JUST
DEAD SHELLS OF
MEN! Y'KNOW,
ZOMBIES!

ZOMBIES?!
YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDIN'
ME!

Zombies:
When average
human beings fall
under the control of
a demon's spell, they
lose their will and
become mindless
killing drones with
augmented strength
and an insatiable
bloodlust.









ENOUGH OF THIS
ONE BY ONE,
DOSEY-DOE CRAP!!
YOU WANT MY
HEAD?! COME AND
GET IT!!







THAT PUNK KID
REMINDS ME OF...NO!!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!



THIS
FIGHTING
STYLE
SEEMS
VERY
FAMIL-
IAR...



HE REMINDS
ME OF...



...KING PACHUN!!





AT FIRST
GLANCE,
HE MAY SEEM
LIKE SOME
WILD BEAST,
BUT IT'S MORE
THAN THAT...



THERE'S A METHOD
TO HIS MADNESS...
MUCH LIKE KING
PACHUN!



PERHAPS THIS IS WHAT
THE MORTALS MEAN
BY THE PHRASE
"HEART OF A LION"...



HMM...
IMPRESSIVE.



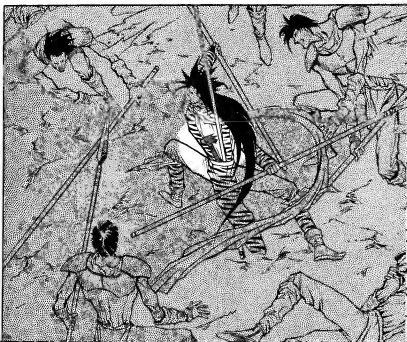
EVEN THE MINDLESS
ZOMBIES TREMBLE
BEFORE HIM.

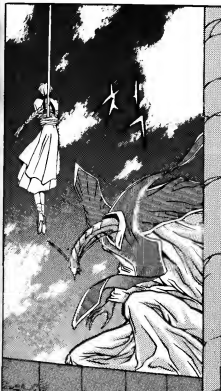


JUST SAY THE
WORD, MY MASTER.
AND HIS BLOOD WILL BE
SPILT



WAIT--!





SON OF A BITCH!!
I'LL KILL YOU!!

CAREFUL, HERO!
NOW'S NOT THE
TIME FOR RASHNESS...
PARTICULARLY WITH
HER LIFE HANGING
BY SUCH A
FRAYED
THREAD.

HOWEVER...
IF YOU'LL BE A
GOOD LITTLE BOY AND
HAND OVER THE BLADE,
I'LL RELEASE YOUR
PRECIOUS PRINCESS
UNSCATHED.

HE WANTS THE BLADE...?

DON'T YOU DO IT!!
AS SOON AS HE
HAS THE BLADE,
HE'S GOING TO
KILL ALL OF US!!



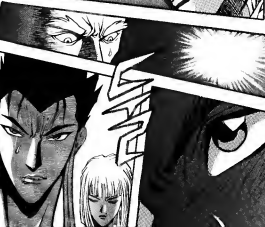
PRETTY LITTLE
GIRL SHOULD BE
SEEN AND NOT HEARD.

UUUH...
THE...BLADE...
CAN...DE...FEAT...
THEM...YOU...
MUSTN'T...
SOMA...

AROOEE!!

ENOUGH!
WHAT
WILL IT BE?!
LIFE OR
DEATH?!

DON'T...
GIVE...



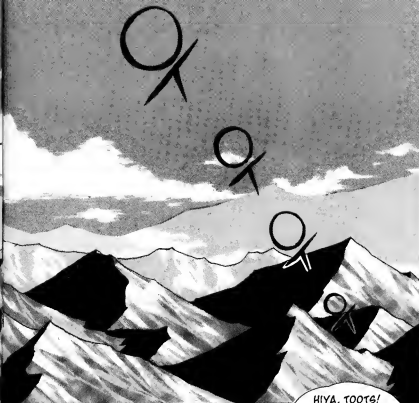


FINE!! TAKE IT!!
I HAVE NO USE FOR
THIS WORTHLESS
HUNK OF JUNK!!



ECHO!! RETRIEVE
THE BLADE!!





HIYA, TOOTS!
IT'S ME...YOUR
SWEET BABY
DEMON!







HEY, CHUCKLES!!
WHAT DO YA SAY TO A
DEMON WITH A SPEAR
UP HIS BUTT?!

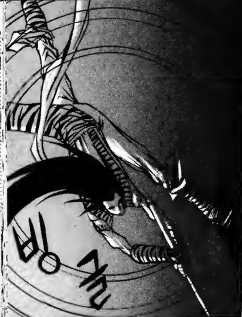


BULLSEYE!!

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OH





NO...!! HE'S
GOING TO
REACH IT!!



ONE MORE TIME...!!



YEE!!
THE
BLADE...!!



I ALMOST...
HAVE IT...



INVINCIBLE
DESTRUCTION!!



THEY
ALL LEFT...



I'M SO BORED.



TELL ME,
MY SWEET...
PERCHANCE A
RED-BEARDED
SWORMAN DID
YOU HERE MEET?









GOOD GOD!!
PRINCESS!!
BEHIND YOU!!



HUH?

GENERAL?
WHAT DID
YOU SAY?



KEEP YER LOUSY
CLAWS OFF MY
MISTRESS!!

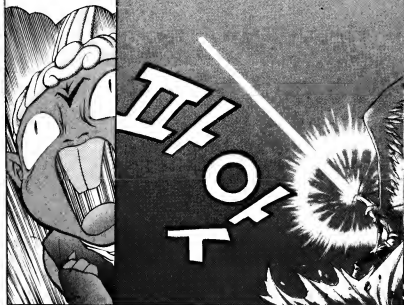
MOVE ASIDE,
WORM!!



EGAO!! HE USED A
RESONANCE ATTACK!!



Resonance Attack:
A lethal attack
technique in which
sound energy is
used to lock onto a
target and kill it.





THAT
ONLY SLIPS
BY ONCE,
BIG BOY!!



NOT
BAD...
FOR A
PATHETIC
HUMAN.







NOOOO!!



PLEASE GOD,
NO!! CHAHA!!
I CAME BACK
FOR YOU!!

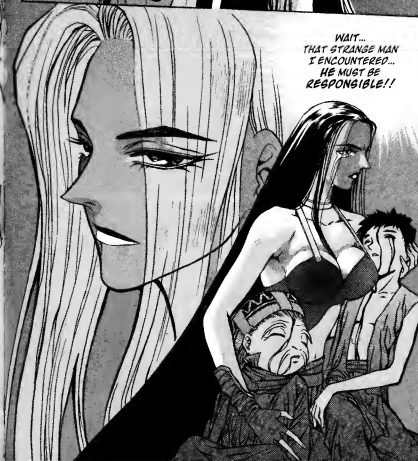
Y-YOU
CAN'T BE
DEAD!!



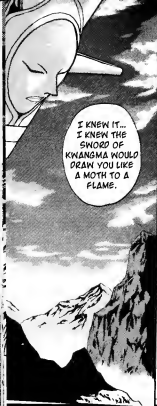
WHO...
WHO DID
THIS?!



WHAT
MONSTER
COULD BE
CAPABLE
OF THIS?!



WAIT...
THAT STRANGE MAN
I ENCOUNTERED...
HE MUST BE
RESPONSIBLE!!



I KNEW IT...
I KNEW THE
SWORD OF
KWANGMA WOULD
DRAW YOU LIKE
A MOTH TO A
FLAME.



WELL...
I GUESS
YOU KNOW
ME WELL.



YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE DESTINY,
YOUNG MASTER.
YOU MUST RETURN
TO MACHUNROO...

...AND TAKE
YOUR PLACE
ON THE
THRONE!





I DON'T
WANT IT.

WHAT YOU
WANT IS
IRRELEVANT.



YOU ARE THE SOLE
HEIR OF KING MACHUNROO!
IF YOU DON'T ASSUME
COMMAND, WHO WILL?!
MOST WOULD KILL FOR
SUCH POWER...



MY POINT EXACTLY.
I'VE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND
THE SPOILS OF POWER.
HOW THE DECISIONS OF ONE
CAN CONDEMN MANY...



...SUCH AS
A MORTAL WOMAN
IN LOVE WITH A
DEMON... SHUNNED
BY HER KIND...
ABANDONED BY HER
OWN LOVER... ALL
BECAUSE THE ONES
IN POWER DEEM
IT WRONG.



MOTHER...



THIS AGAIN...
YOUNG MASTER, WE NO
LONGER HAVE THE LUXURY OF
SUCH SENTIMENTAL REGRETS!
FORCES ARE CURRENTLY AT
PLAY FOR THE THRONE THAT
COULD DESTROY US ALL!!



DOKSOOMA...I'M
INDEBTED TO YOU
FOR WATCHING OVER
MY MOTHER AND
ME WHEN FATHER
ABANDONED US.



YOUNG MASTER...
THE REASON I SECRETLY
PROTECTED YOU BOTH...
I WAS MERELY FOLLOWING
THE KING'S ORDERS.

THAT
SAID...
MY
DECISION'S
FINAL.



YOUR FATHER
HAD NO CHOICE!
IT WAS THE ONLY
WAY! MUST YOU
CONTINUE TO
GRIND THIS AX?
DON'T YOU THINK
IT'S HIGH TIME
YOU FORGAVE
HIM?!



HEH HEH...
DEAD MEN
CAN'T FORGIVE.
YOU SAY I'M
HIS HEIR...



...BUT WHAT
YOU BOTH FAIL
TO REALIZE IS
THAT THE DAY
SHE DIED, I DIED
WITH HER. SO,
YOU SEE...

...THERE IS
NO HEIR.
I'M DEAD TO
HIM, NOW.



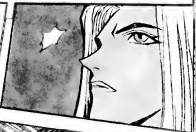
AND LIKE
THE DEAD, I
WISH ONLY TO
SLUMBER IN
PEACE.



NO...
WITHOUT HIM...
ALL IS LOST!



EVEN A TOUCHING
DISPLAY OF AFFECTION
ON THE EVE OF OUR
INSURRECTION.
EVEN AS YOU LOOK
UPON ME WITH REGRET,
I CAN HEAR YOUR
HEART POUNDING
IN PAIN.



DARLING!



BUT, FEAR NOT.
FEAR BOY
HARKING WILL
EASE YOUR SORROW...
BY ENSURING YOU'RE
IN YOUR GRAVE BY
THE MORROW!



FOUL
CREATURES!!
YOU WILL PAY
FOR YOUR
MEDDLING!!



IRON DEMON
ATTACK!!

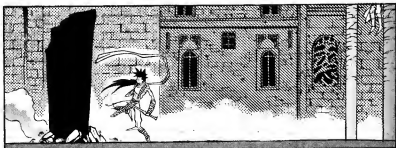


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HEADS UP!! AN ENERGY
BLAST IS COMING
YOUR WAY!!!

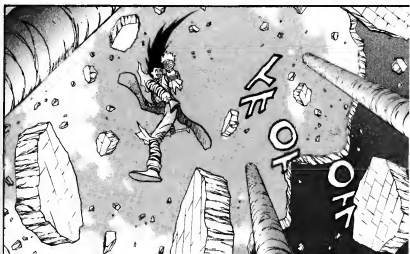


IT IS?! DAMMIT!
THIS STUPID CLOAK'S
BLOCKING MY
VIEW!!



I GOTTA CUT
THROUGH
IT...!!







AHH!



HELP!!



GOTCHA, HONEYBUNG!

O-DON'T LET GO!!

YOU THINK YOU'VE WITNESSED POWER?! I'LL SHOW YOU POWER, BOY!!



JUST LOOK AT YOU...YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE WORTHY OF WIELDING THE BLADE?



JUST...UNGH! JUST HANG ON, PRINCESS! HURK...! I'LL...SAVE... YOU...!



BLADE OF HEAVEN





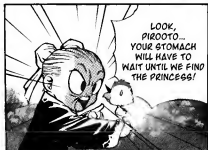
HOW AM I EVER GOING TO FIND THE PRINCESS HERE?



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LOOK, PIROTO... YOUR STOMACH WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE FIND THE PRINCESS!



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HOW DARE YOU SUGGEST WE IGNORE THE KING'S ORDERS JUST TO STUFF YOUR BEAK?!



IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE DELIVER THE BLADE JOURNAL TO SOMA SO THAT HE CAN DEFEAT THOSE DEMONS!

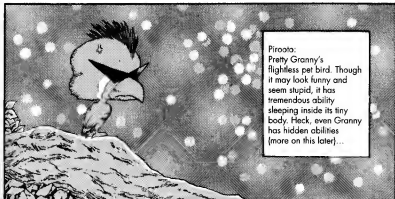


WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH TO DEFEND HEAVEN!

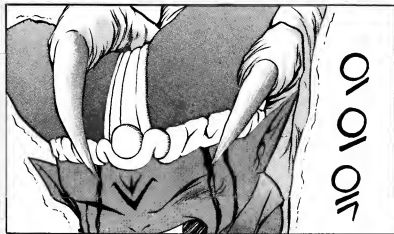
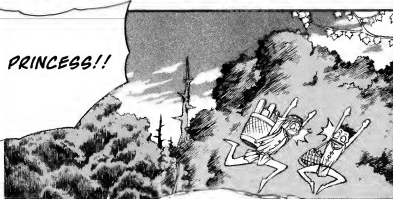


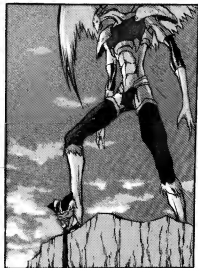
EVEN IF I HAVE TO WIELD MY KNITTING NEEDLES!!

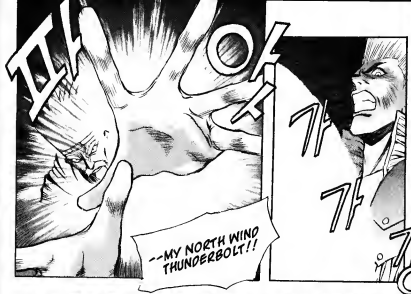
Crying
away.

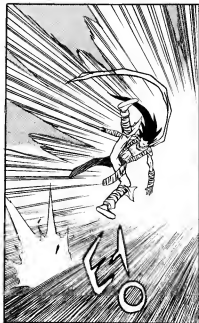


Pirato:
Pretty Granny's flightless pet bird. Though it may look funny and seem stupid, it has tremendous ability sleeping inside its tiny body. Heck, even Granny has hidden abilities (more on this later)...



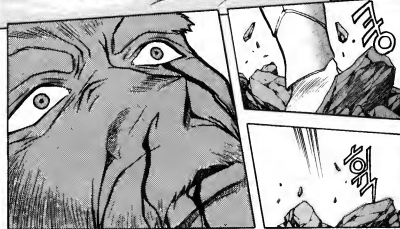








YOU CANNOT, WILL
NOT, DEFEAT ME!!
I...AM...
INVINCIBLE!!



GRAMPS!!
MOVE!!



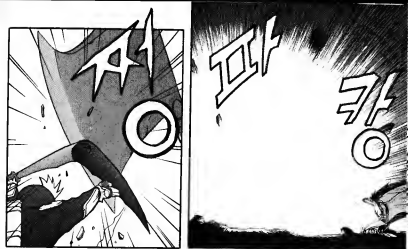
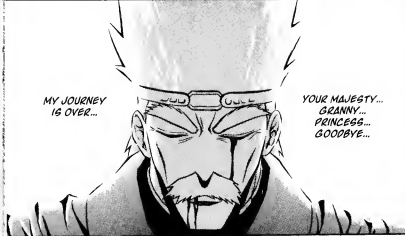
THE NECKS OF MY
ENEMIES WILL COME
TO KNOW THE EDGE
OF MY STEEL!!





BLADE OF HEAVEN







EH? WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU?!



MY NAME? NINJA. FAT NINJA. I AM ON A SOLEMN QUEST...



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FAT-STUFF!!



...TO FIND LOTS OF TREASURES AND GOODIES! TEE HEE HEE!



HEH HEH HEH... SO THIS IS HEAVEN'S LAST LINE OF DEFENSE?



AN OLD MAN, A FOOLISH BOY, AND AN OVERWEIGHT MIDGET... IT'S TRULY A WONDER WE DIDN'T OVERTHROW IT MUCH SOONER.



SILENCE, FIENO! GIVE ME YOUR MONEY, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO THRASH YOU!!

His greed blinds him to danger.



WHOEVER SAID AGE BRINGS WISDOM...

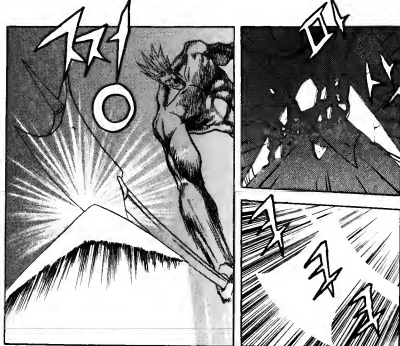
NEVER MET HIM!



HA! YOU THINK THAT GLORIFIED BANANA CAN HURT ME?!

CLEARLY YOUR INTELLIGENCE MATCHES YOUR HEIGHT!!









DAMN YOU,
OLD MAN!! I CAN'T
HAVE YA DIE
ON ME!!



NOT SO SLICK WITH
MY FOOT IN YOUR
FACE, ARE YA?!



YOU...



YOU
HIT ME.



NO ONE'S
EVER HIT ME.
AND YOU
KNOW WHAT?



THAT
SOUND OF
SNAPPING
TWIGS?
THAT WOULD
BE YOUR
RIBS.



SOMA!!



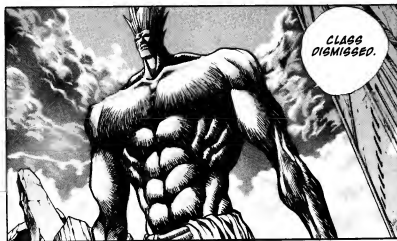
I DON'T
LIKE BEING
HIT!!



DEMON
BOMB!!



TH-THAT CAN'T BE---!!
HOW CAN HE HAVE
GOOGOO'S ABILITIES?!



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DISMISSED.



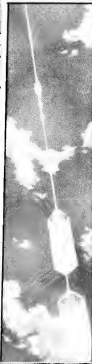
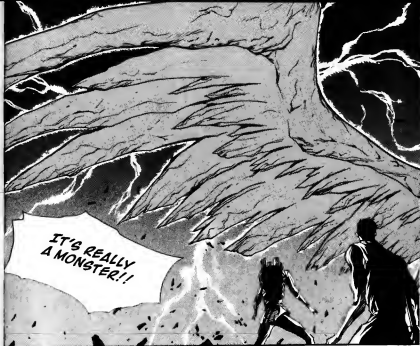
THE SAFETY OF
THE PRINCESS IS
IN OUR HANDS!



IT'S TIME TO
GET SERIOUS,
PIROOTO!



IT'S REALLY
A MONSTER!!



W-WHAT THE
HELL...?!

TH-THAT
LITTLE BIRD...





THE PRINCESS IS
MY ONE AND ONLY
CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
I CANNOT STAND
IDLY BY AND LET
HIM HARM HER!

YOU'RE A FOOL
TO RISK YOUR
LIFE FOR HER!

HER DEATH IS NOT
JUST NECESSARY--
IT'S INEVITABLE!!



BASTARD



HUH?
AUTUMN...?



O O O



GET AWAY
FROM HER!!



O O O



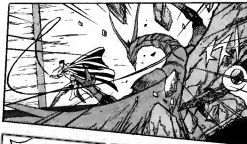
GENERAL
AUTUMN!!



BARURUGO...!



I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU
TOUCH A SINGLE HAIR
ON HER HEAD!!



H-HAVE...
YOU GONE...
MAD?!

ON THE CONTRARY!
THIS IS THE SANEST I'VE
BEEN IN MONTHS!!



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN
OUR ARRANGEMENT?! OR MAYBE
JUST WHAT HAPPENS TO
THOSE WHO BETRAY ME?!



I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF YOUR
THREATS, DEMON!
NEITHER YOU NOR
THE SAENGGAHWA
WILL KEEP MY
SOUL HOSTAGE
A SECOND
LONGER!!



I WAS A
FOOL TO TRUST
YOU AND BETRAY
HEAVEN!! BUT IT'S
NOT TOO LATE TO
SET THINGS
RIGHT!!

EVEN IF IT
COSTS ME
LIFE!!



CAN IT BE...?!

AUTUMN...

THAT...IS
UNFORTUNATE...
FOR YOU!

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UNGH!

자라라
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자라라

MY GOD...!!
HE'S
EXTRACTING
THE
SAENGSAHNA'G
POISON FROM
AUTUMN'S
BODY!!



SIMPLETON.
YOU ACTUALLY
THOUGHT I
TRUSTED YOU?
ONCE A BETRAVER,
ALWAYS A
BETRAVER!

자라라라
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S-SPRING...
UNH!

T-TAKE
C-CARE...
UNH...OF...
YOURSELF...!

WHAT IS HE...?!
NO...
HE WOULDN'T!!

I, GENERAL AUTUMN
OF HEAVEN,
FEAR NOT DEATH!

BLOOD
HEMOSTASIS!!

ARTERIES!!

VEINS!!

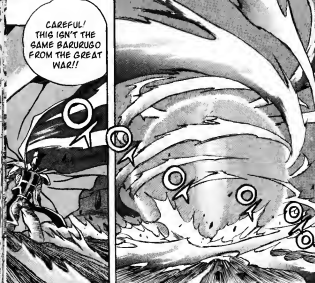
CAPILLARIES!!

Blood Hemostasis:
A self-healing
technique in which
the user can prevent
blood loss. Even so,
the user still
continues to die.

YOU CERTAINLY
HAVE A DEATH
WISH, DON'T
YOU, AUTUMN?

AUTUMN WIND
ATTACK!!





CAREFUL!
THIS ISN'T THE
SAME BARURUGO
FROM THE GREAT
WAR!!



HE'S
SOMEHOW
MANAGED TO
AMPLIFY HIS
STRENGTH
TENFOLD!!



I'LL ONLY HAVE
ONE CHANCE!!



PULL UP YER
ROCKER, OLD-
TIMER. THAT
GONOFABITCH
IS MINE!

SOMA!



THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY TO GET
THE KIDS OUT OF
HERE ALIVE...



...BLOOD
HEMOSTASIS!!



SO THE
FREAK
DON'T LIKE
TO BE
TOUCHED...

BY THE
TIME I'M
FINISHED,
HE'S GONNA
FEEL
POSITIVELY
MOLESTED!!



I THOUGHT
I MADE
MYSELF
CLEAR, BOY...

...NOT ONE
OF YOU
LEAVES THIS
BATTLEFIELD
ALIVE!

IN THE NEXT BONE-CRUNCHING VOLUME OF

BLADE OF HEAVEN

THE BATTLE AGAINST THE EVIL BARAUBD AND HIS TWISTED LACKEY, DARKLING, REACHES ITS BLOODY ZENITH! DOKSDMA AND THE VALIANT MAKUMANG DO THEIR BEST AGAINST THE GROTESQUE DARKLING IN A PITCHED FIGHT TO THE DEATH! SIMULTANEOUSLY, BEN, WINTER, FAT NINJA AND SOMA DESPERATELY STRUGGLE TO BRING DOWN THE SEEMINGLY UNSTOPPABLE BARAUBD. AND JUST AT THE MOMENT WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST FOR OUR HEROES, BEN SUMMER (A.K.A. GRANNY) SWDOOPS IN WITH THE JOURNAL OF THE BLADE OF HEAVEN! WILL SOMA BE CONNECTED WITH THE MYSTICAL BLADE IN TIME? AND WHEN HE IS, WILL ANYONE SURVIVE THE SUBSEQUENT FURY HE WILL UNLEASH?

GET READY TO RUMBLE IN

BLADE OF HEAVEN

VOLUME 3!



BLADE OF HEAVEN 2

END

SWEET MONKEY CHOW!! IT'S
LIKE THE SKY AND EARTH'RE
PLAYIN' TUG OF WAR!!



↑ **Kickthekitty**
is enthused!